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## 1981 Magazine Puzzle Guide

For those insatiable solvers who run out of *Four-Star* long before they run out of month, we've compiled a list of major American magazines that publish a regular puzzle feature or department. We haven't included Sunday newspaper supplements or juvenile magazines in our list, nor magazines devoted solely to puzzles—aficionados should have no trouble finding these on their own. Similarly, we've ruled out magazines that feature only a quiz or a reprint of an American crossword. So here, to tide you over until the next *Four-Star*, is our list:

(Each magazine is followed in parentheses by its publication frequency: *W* for weekly, *BW* for biweekly, *M* for monthly, *BM* for bimonthly, and *8x* for eight times a year.)

**Across the Board (M)** "Crossword Puzzle" edited by Margaret Farrar. Magazine for business executives. Business-themed crossword.

**Americana (BM)** "Crossword Puzzle" by Jack Luzzatto. Themed to match the issue's main article.

**The American Way (M)** "Puzzle" by Judy Steinbach. American Airlines' in-flight magazine. A new variety of puzzle each issue.

**The Atlantic (M)** "The Atlantic Puzzler" by Emily Cox and Henry Rathvon. High-quality variety cryptic puzzle.

**Creative Computing (M)** "Puzzles and Problems" by Barry Townsend. Variety of word and math teasers.

**the Dial (M)** "The Public Broadcasting Crossword" by Vincent Osborne. Magazine of public television, available in major cities. Puzzle related to the issue.

**Games (BM)** "Pencilwise" edited by Will Shortz.

**Golf Magazine (M)** "Golf Crossword" by Jack Luzzatto.

**Harper's (M)** "Puzzle" by E.R. Galli and Richard Maltby, Jr. Another high-quality variety cryptic puzzle.

**Modern Maturity (BM)** "Puzzle" by various contributors. Magazine for senior citizens. Word search puzzle.

**The Nation (W)** "Crossword Puzzle"

by Frank W. Lewis. America's longest-running cryptic crossword—since 1943.

**National Review (BW)** "Trans-O-Gram" by Svend Petersen. Politically-oriented double-crostic.

**New York/Cue (W)** "Sunday Times of London Crossword." Cryptic puzzle.

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## 1 Paper Caper

MIKE SHENK

No loss, but our proofreader at *The Four-Star Puzzler* was recently kidnapped. Shortly after, we received a ransom note composed of letters cut from newspaper headlines. (What lack of originality!) Unfortunately, the kidnapper was not careful enough to use good glue, because, when we opened the note, many of the cut-out letters were lying loose in the bottom of the envelope. By studying the loose pieces and the positions of the spots of glue left where missing pieces had been, we managed to restore the note to its original form, revealing the kidnapper's demands—which we, of course, refused to fulfill. But just what were those demands?

*Answer, page 10*

Sirs: • y • an • Your  
• R • O • ADER • K, • Ing  
• LL • S IN • U • ers TO  
F • La • PI • a • AR • e!

Don't forget to read the back of the card  
CART



## Who's Who in Puzzledom

### Jack Luzzatto

Jack Luzzatto and crossword puzzles have grown up together, moving from a start in New York City in the mid-1920s to popularity throughout the nation. Today at every newsstand there are several publications containing crosswords; it is probable that at least one has a puzzle by Jack Luzzatto.



Luzzatto made his first crossword as a 16-year-old student in 1927, mailing it to the *New York World*. "They sent back a check for eight dollars," he recalls, "which was almost a week's pay in those days."

But constructing puzzles was at first only a sideline. He studied art for four years at New York's Cooper Union, graduating in 1934. For nine years he labored as a gag cartoonist, making up his own jokes and illustrating them in a smooth, uncluttered style in pen and ink. Magazines such as *Collier's*, *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Mademoiselle*, and *Saturday Review* published his cartoons, but Luzzatto explains, "not often enough."

An offer from Dell publishers to construct a half-dozen crosswords at \$5 apiece sparked his career, which subsequently "just grew and grew." For the last 28 years Luzzatto has been a full-time puzzle constructor, an occupation so unusual that he managed to stump the *What's My Line?* television panel in 1962.

Luzzatto's puzzles have been published by the hundreds in the *New York Times* and other newspapers, and in dozens of books including more than 30 by Bantam alone. He has also worked as an editor and contributor for numerous magazines, "just about everyone you could imagine," he says with a smile, "and some you couldn't." Today Luzzatto constructs puzzles on a regular basis for *Americana*, *Golf*, *Scanner*, *Verbatim*, and *Games*.

Working at his home in Bronx, New York, Luzzatto takes only 30 minutes to construct a daily-size (15x15 square) crossword, and three to five hours to make a larger Sunday puzzle. His speed at construction has allowed him to pursue other interests. He is the father of four, the grandfather of six, and the author of more than 100 published poems. Describing himself as "a good hacker" at tennis, Luzzatto also enjoys Yankees and Mets baseball games and classical music.

Luzzatto's training in art and his background in writing jokes are reflected in his puzzles. His diagrams are recognizable for their aesthetically pleasing patterns of wide-open white spaces interlocked with a rhythmic flow of a smaller than usual number of black squares. For clues he strives for "wit and ingenuity," citing the following favorites: "A clash of symbols"—MIXED METAPHOR; "Leaves for a year"—CALENDAR; "First one to say TGIF"—ROBINSON CRUSOE; and "U.S. Gov't 'Bonds'"—CIA. Such humor provides solvers with momentary relief from the struggle to spell some of the unusual words Luzzatto typically includes, such as the crossword tournament stumper "'Crazy trees,' good for making billiard cues"—ARBOLOCOES.

Asked to reflect on his career, Luzzatto pauses and says, "A few years ago I constructed a puzzle that appeared in an advertisement for Kraft Cracker Barrel cheese. The headline read, 'Our Pride—Your Joy.' And that's how I feel about my work: it's my pride, and your joy."

—ROBERT D. SPURRIER

Note: A new crossword by Jack Luzzatto appears on page 9 of this issue.

## For Starters

This month in the *Four-Star* we welcome a company of new puzzlers to "The Sphinx Page" (page 8)—Marge Deibel, Beth Howard, Maureen Kennerk, J. Grossman, Bill Webster, and Janet Cohen. The quality of contributions keeps improving, we think. If any other readers would like to spin verse around an interesting keyword, we'd like to hear.

Other highlights this issue: "Garage Sale Fever" (page 6), a hellacious logic puzzle from the pen of Robert "Hardcase" Liddil; the "Cryptic Crossword" (page 5) by puzzle editors Doug and Janis Heller (responsible for "On a First Name Basis" in June); and the middle installment of the "Rebus Cartoon Championships" (pages 2-3) for \$500 of games.

The June *Four-Star* contained two errors—one big and one not—that we would like to clear up. On Rebus #35, with the answer *Vanity Fair*, the category should have read "1848 Novel." All solvers who submitted entries received credit for this puzzle. And in the answer to the Chess Search, #10, we said, "Taking with the other rook also works." Well, it doesn't; but the answer outlined is still correct.

In the world of puzzles: Congratulations to Rosalind Moore, who was just named successor to Kathleen Rafferty as

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## Rebus Cartoon Championships

### Second of 3 Puzzle Sets

**Grand Prize** Your choice of \$500 worth of games from the 1980-81 catalogue of World Wide Games (Delaware, Ohio)

**25 Runner-Up Prizes** "Snapper Trick" birch wood puzzles

**Object Solve** and submit the answers to as many cartoon rebuses as you can in the July, August, and September issues of *The Four-Star Puzzler*. The first set of 12 contest puzzles appeared last month. The second set appears on the next page. The contest will have 36 puzzles altogether.

**How to Solve Rebus Cartoons** The caption above each cartoon gives the category of the answer and the number of letters in it. All the parts of the answer are found *phonetically* in the cartoon in one or more of the following ways:

1. Words or hyphenated syllables actually spoken by the cartoon characters or appearing in the cartoon;
2. Synonyms of words spoken by the characters or appearing in the cartoon;
3. Names of prominent objects in the picture;
4. Isolated letters in the picture;
5. Words implied by the subject or action of the scene.

Novels 6, 4



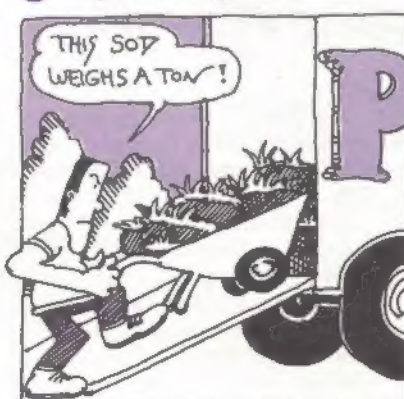
For example, the answer to the cartoon at left is *Vanity Fair*. It is sounded out by VAN, pictured in the background, the word IT in the dialogue, the letter E on the van, and FARE, suggested by the cabbie's \$4.80 (VAN-IT-E-FARE).

**How to Enter** On a postcard or back of an envelope (no letters, please), send us the answers to as many August rebuses as you can solve. Please list the parts of each answer (as above), and send to "August Rebus Cartoons," *The Four-Star Puzzler*, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Entries for the August puzzles must be received by August 31, 1981.

**Winning** The winner will be the reader who correctly solves the most cartoons in the July, August, and September issues. Those who submit the 25 next best entries will be runners-up. Ties will be solved by random drawing. Answers and winners' names will appear in the December issue.

Note: May winners are listed on page 4.



**2 Newscaster: 6, 5****3 World Capital: 8****4 Book and Movie: 3, 9, 6****5 World Leader: 6, 2, 5****6 Football Coach: 3, 6****7 Chess Player: 5, 7****8 Puzzlewriter: 4, 8****9 Wine: 3, 8****10 1960s Hit Song: 6, 3****11 Actor: 4, 6****12 Popular Singer: 5, 8****13 U.S. City: 11**



## Acronymbles

### Results from May

The most popular name in entries for the Acronymbles contest was Jimmy Carter, followed closely by Carl Sagan, Babe Ruth, and Pinocchio. In this competition, the aim was to shed light—or darkness—on a famous name by treating it as an acronym.

And what conclusive answer did the contestants give to the age-old question, "What's in a name?" Since the winning entry arrived with neither name nor address, the answer is obviously, "Nothing." If the following was your Acronymbles (mailed from Rochester, NY), please tell us who you are so you can receive your prize Doubleday books:

**CAROL BURNETT:** Comedienne, angered recently, ordered lawyers, "Bring unscrupulous rag, *National Enquirer*, to trial"—Anon.

The runners-up (winning "Word Rummy" games) were:

**HUMPTY DUMPTY:** *Huevo* understandably miffed; peons teased yolk, dubbing unsightly mess patronizingly, "tipsy yokel"—Mitzl Christiansen, Bakersfield, CA.

**AGATHA CHRISTIE:** Archaeologist, gardener, and traveler, Hercule's author created highly readable, intricate suspense thrillers in England—Tovah E. Hollander, Los Angeles, CA.

(Gerald) **FORD:** Falls over ramps deliberately—Martha Van Zant, Biloxi, MS.

**CARL SAGAN:** Clever astronomer reveals latest scoop about galaxies and nebulae—Sheila Bishop, Youngstown, OH.

**MARCONI:** Made a radio. Created overly noisy instrument—Ira Wolf, Roslyn, N.Y.

Honorable mention to:

**CASEY STENGEL:** Created atrocious syntax enabling Yankee supporters to enjoy nonsensical, garbled English language—Billy Riback, West Hollywood, CA.

**MARGARET THATCHER:** Maggie's all right. Girls are running England. They took hold and they can handle everything right—Arlene McElhinney, Arthur, NE.

**PINOCCHIO:** Puppet's Italian nose outdoes Cyrano's; calumnies hasten its overextension—Murray R. Pearce, Bismarck, ND.

**GOD:** Grand Old Dad—Edward S. Derrmon, Roslyn Hts., NY.

—LINDA BOSSON

Note: A new competition will appear next month.

### For Starters, cont'd

editor-in-chief of Dell puzzle publications. Rosalind will celebrate her 30th anniversary with Dell next March.

Hats off to Margaret Farrar for her latest puzzle achievement—publication of Simon and Schuster's *Crossword Puzzle Book Series 125*. As you may know, Mrs. Farrar has edited or co-edited every volume in that series since its outset in 1924. Her latest volume, co-edited with Eugene Maleska, contains one crossword from each of 75 top constructors. A nice idea.

From our file of "People We'd Rather Not Know" comes this letter which appeared recently in "Dear Abby." It reads, "The letter signed Impatient Sister complaining because another nun kept bothering her for help with crossword puzzles interested me. May I offer a solution? I worked with several women who were crossword puzzle freaks. When they'd come to me for help, I'd ask to see the cross clues, then I proceeded to fill in the squares in ink—and always wrong. In a matter of seconds the puzzle was unworkable. Soon I had the reputation of being a 'Dumb Dora' who ruined puzzles, so no one came near me with one after that." Abby replies that this conduct is "hardly ethical." A sage comment.

Finally, a news flash from the baseball players' strike. Sources report that on Monday, June 8th, Rusty Staub, the player representative of the New York Mets, walked out in frustration from the seemingly endless negotiations between baseball owners and players. The next day, Tuesday, Staub came to the negotiations and passed out crossword puzzles to the owners' representatives. Said Staub, "If you want to play word games, let's do it right." There is no truth to the rumor that he passed out *Four-Star Puzzlers*.

—W.S.

## May Rebus Winners

Grand Prize (Entex "Black Jack" game): Joy Gerity, Lakewood, CO. Runners-up (Silly Pencils): Lambert Bright, Lincoln, NE; Dorothy Buening, Columbus, OH; M. Dessinger, San Francisco, CA; Donna & Richard Freet, Newport News, VA; Pat Greiner, Casper, WY; Helen Kapjon, Chicago, IL; Jean V. Pasdeloup, Chicago, IL; Sue Selden, Wood Lake, MN; Marilyn Simons, Jaffrey, NH; Lois & Michael Wollin, Hershey, PA. Total entries: 220. Total correct entries: 170.

## Eugene Sheffer

It is with sorrow that we report the death of Eugene Sheffer, former professor of French at Columbia University, and puzzle constructor for King Features Syndicate since 1926. He died at his home in New York City on May 5 of natural causes. He was 76.

While a Columbia University undergraduate Mr. Sheffer embarked on his crossword career, launching the King Features puzzle, and going on to engineer two national contests in the early 1930s. His crosswords, which put greater stock in speed-solving than complexity, have been syndicated in hundreds of publications worldwide for the past 55 years.

Despite the physical limitations of dystonia, a muscular disease he contracted at age 28, Professor Sheffer pursued a wide variety of interests. The French government awarded him two medals for his scholarly work, which included translations and a collaboration with A. J. Leibling on the French Resistance. He also served as English tutor to the legendary chanteuse Edith Piaf, whom he included among his dearest friends.

Professor Sheffer is survived by a brother and a sister. Columbia University will hold a memorial service in his honor this fall.

—MICHELLE ARNOT

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## 14 Games People Play

STEPHANIE SPADACCINI

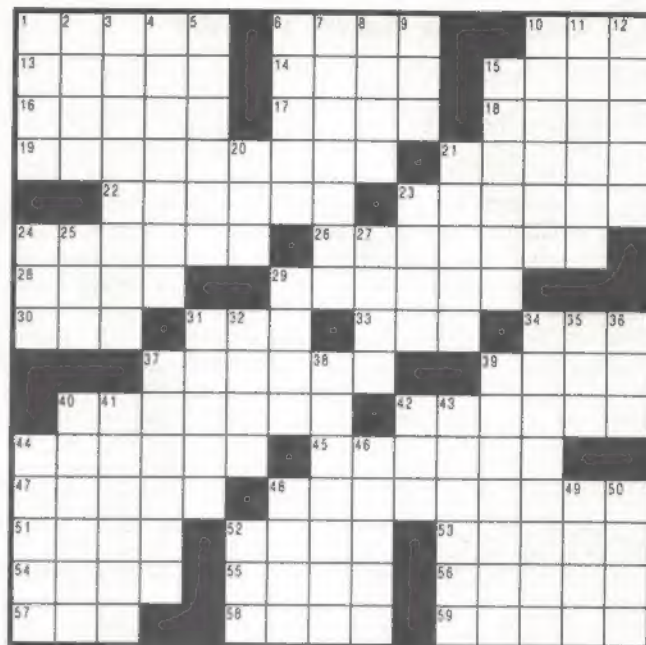
Can you find the connection between the italicized clues and their answers?

### ACROSS

- 1 Inverted lower-case E  
6 Longest wholly Spanish river  
10 GPs' grp.  
13 "... and hungry look"  
14 Raise (crops)  
15 English Channel feeder  
16 Lumps from a whipping  
17 Forever 'n' ever  
18 Cry from the crow's-nest  
19 1928  
21 Confine  
22 With pictures: Abbr.  
23 1968  
24 "Would I lie?"  
26 Terrible  
28 Readies the press  
29 1936  
30 Architect I.M.  
31 Homophone of a letter
- 33 \_\_\_\_ : Nero :: Arthur : Sherlock  
34 XL squared  
37 1896  
39 1960  
40 Cross-bred cat?  
42 Hitchcock film  
44 1948  
45 Chairman follower  
47 Senator Kefauver  
48 1936  
51 Tartness  
52 Acapulco assent  
53 Kilmer's prime effort  
54 Lawrence's Lovers' partners  
55 Greenland settler  
56 Author Eddie and actor Richard  
57 Tpk.  
58 "Big Board" initials  
59 Appomattox signature

### DOWN

- 1 "I never \_\_\_\_\_ purple. . ."  
2 Mr. Kadiddlehopper  
3 1952  
4 Loose flesh on the jaw  
5 Photographer Adams et al.  
6 Mild oaths  
7 Show life  
8 Word with elbow or leg  
9 Hold the deed  
10 Crony of D'Artagnan  
11 1972  
12 Yes \_\_\_\_ (sort of)  
15 Blood component  
20 Same old thing  
21 Spiral  
23 Nice girl: Abbr.  
24 With it  
25 Word behind Washington  
27 Does something foolish



- 29 They go with birds  
31 Preminger et al.  
32 Declaration opener  
34 1976  
35 Vietnam zone: Abbr.  
36 Ron, baseball's "Penguin"
- 37 Andean flora  
38 Christie book  
39 Rise up again  
40 1980  
41 Caesar's non-praiser  
42 Watch ribbon  
43 Disturber of the peace
- 44 Rover's restraint  
46 Ms. Starbuck, a/k/a JoJo  
48 Bugged down  
49 Hawaiian bird  
50 To be, to  
51 Down  
52 Sun Yat-\_\_\_\_

## 15 Cryptic Crossword

DOUG and JANIS HELLER

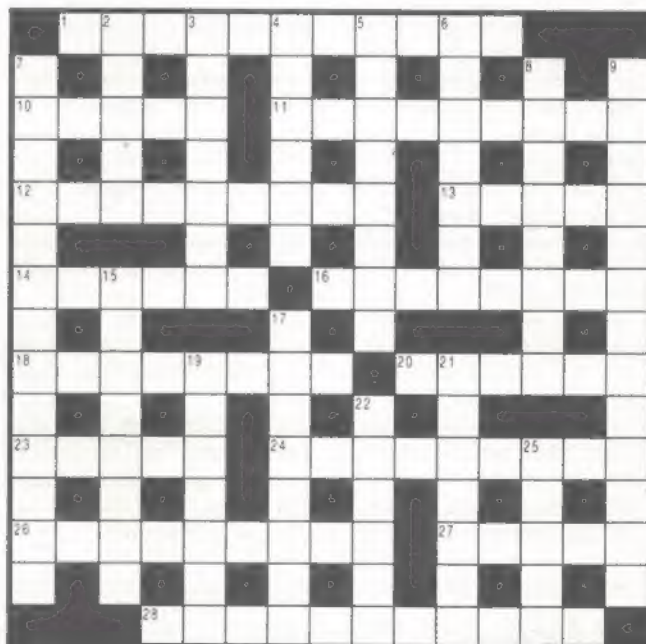
Each cryptic clue contains two indications of its answer—a direct or indirect definition, and some sort of wordplay on it (anagram, pun, or reversal, etc.). You'll know when you have an answer because every word in the clue will have a role in leading you to it. Explanations will appear with answers next month.

### ACROSS

- 1 A goat on either side of the outlaw (5, 3, 3)  
10 In *Oklahoma!* Hammerstein names this Midwestern city (5)  
11 Top of the eighth—a more unremitting Yankee (9)  
12 Say the letter M isn't in the word "form"? (9)  
13 Laughing creature—has he any trouble? (5)  
14 State of Eden, finally—Eve and Adam are incomplete (6)  
16 Word "doll" is a hybrid from Europe (3, 5)  
18 Here's a bird; prepare a gun for shooting one, also (8)  
20 Make bricks of many kinds (6)  
23 Saw part of *Heaven's Gate* after a short blast (5)  
24 To make a stew, take a large cooking vessel and pour half the rice (9)  
26 Prevent "Satan ring" returning in uniform (5, 4)  
27 Like the man in "Londonderry Air" is he, somewhat (5)  
28 A pit or a hole sunk into the earth with good intentions? (4-7)

### DOWN

- 2 Russians' truck is outside (5)  
3 Went to school, left, and made some money (7)  
4 Earthquake causes Metro crash above middle of Paris (6)  
5 Queen's emblem includes costume (8)  
6 One half-second to turn explanation into demonstration with slides (3, 4)



- 7 One jazzman in brotherhood gets the message (13)  
8 Gathered in force and blundered (8)  
9 Had to brag idly about sunshine (5, 8)  
15 The winner—top-rated member of royalty (8)  
17 Officer in the flesh (8)
- 19 The tale written by an idiot jock (7)  
21 Front and back of upright piano (out of tune) are perfect (7)  
22 Fixed the farm building (6)  
25 Reportedly, a limitation of the dynasty (5)



## 16 Garage Sale Fever

### Logic Puzzle

ROBERT L. LIDDIL

Snobsville is a pleasant little community that is well known for its residents' garage sales. One Saturday six families held sales simultaneously that attracted buyers from all over. No wonder—the variety of merchandise, the bargain prices, the beautiful weather, and the luxurious setting made the whole adventure more fun than a day at an amusement park.

From the clues below, can you match the buyers (first names Gene, Henry, Ivan, Jenny, Kevin, and Lillian; last names Andrews, Brewer, Carlson, Davis, Early, and Freeman) to the things they bought (a baby buggy, a bicycle, a chain saw, a coat, a stereo, and a TV) and how much they paid (\$2, \$4, \$7.50, \$12.50, \$15, and \$25), as well as the sellers (Usher, Vick, Walbanger, Xylius, Yung, and Zenor), their addresses (Hangover Grove, Longview Court, Persian Mews, Pinchpenny Lane, Victorian Manor, and Watermelon Way) and styles of housing (Cape Cod, Colonial, Federal, ranch, house of seven gables, and Spanish), and the vehicles used to carry the purchases home (compact car, convertible, pickup, sedan, sports car, and van)?

Answer, page 10

#### Clues

1. Henry made his purchase at Seven Gables; the TV was featured at Watermelon Way; the pickup driver bought the featured item at Persian Mews; the Xyliuses sold their feature to Andrews; the coat cost half as much as Early's purchase. [Note: This clue mentions all six purchases.]

2. Kevin didn't buy the bicycle.

3. Freeman and the man who bought the chain saw didn't stop at the Yung's Federal home; Davis, who spent more than one of the above and less than the other, had some difficulty loading the stereo into his sedan; the Zenors sold to the sports-car driver; the ranch-style home was located on Pinchpenny Lane. [Note: This clue refers to five different purchases.]

4. The driver of the compact made his purchase at Victorian Manor.

5. Miss Brewer had to park at the curb where she made her purchase because Ivan's pickup was in the driveway, while at the same time across town the Vicks' featured item was sold to the van driver. At about the same time, another deal was being concluded at Hangover Grove by Henry.

6. The Walbangers sold the most expensive item, but from neither the Cape Cod house nor Victorian Manor, while Jenny bought her item at the Spanish home and the Vicks' item (sold elsewhere) cost the least.

7. The convertible driver made his purchase at Longview Court, while Ivan bought at the Colonial, and the TV priced at \$7.50 (which was more than Kevin had to spend) realized only half as much as the Ushers' item.

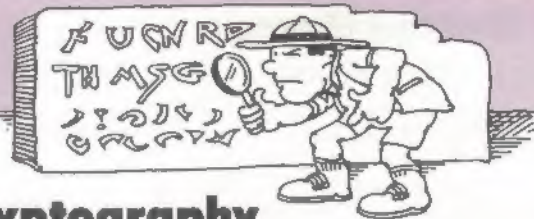
8. Carlson considered her purchase a real bargain.

## 17 Baker's Dozen

Can you discover the logic in the arrangement of numbers below, and correctly place the number 13?

Answer, page 10

1		6	8	9	11
2	3	4	5	7	10
					12



## Cryptography

SALLY PORTER

Each of these messages has been put into a simple substitution letter code. The substitutions are constant throughout each cipher, but change from one cipher to the next.

### 18 Believe It Or Not

QKHBXQVFVFWGQ ZXB QZFM VW  
QVBY CXWY FTGWXZGUB VJWQB  
PJW UDZFY VW DZUL ZGN WCVBG  
LGWUL WG PWWM PJFDB QZNFGT  
QW.

### 19 You'll Flip for This

ABCBDEF AFBG HIGDBJKJ  
LFMNYMG BGBOPDH KMPEQJ CPQF  
ABEQ BFMPBC RBCQ-YSFMJ,  
CBI-YXK CBDTPDHJ.

### 20 A Big Quack Attack?

MORE GSTQM RVDKOBVSJPM HTZF  
RSPCPN RVQCVL GVRETQJ  
RKQRPVSL FOQZPNL FKWTQJ ZK  
GVJ RVQCVLGVRE MOREL.

### 21 On the Prowl

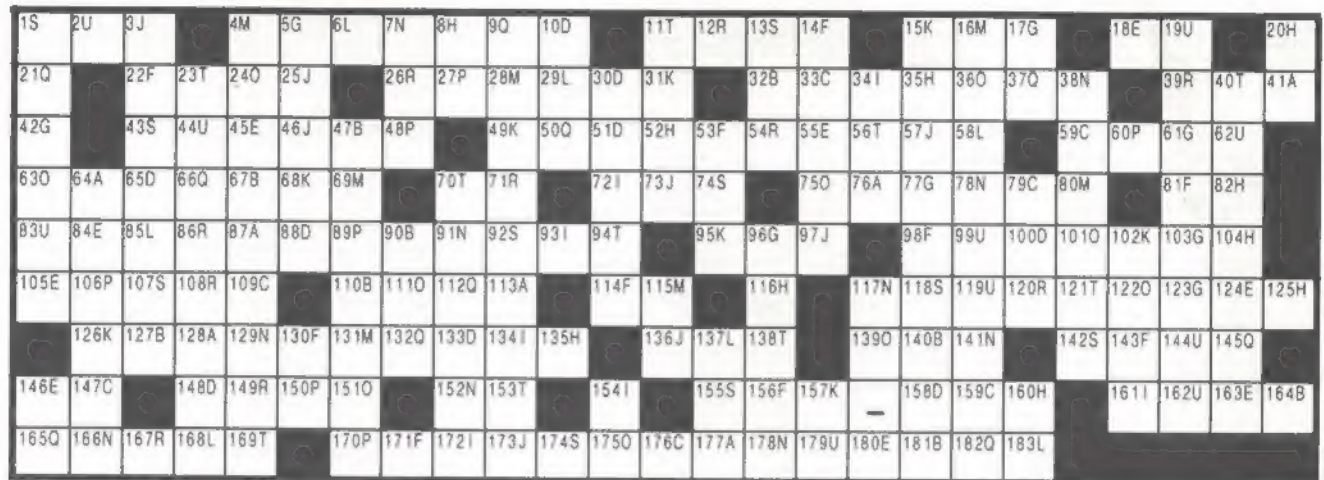
NPQCNTFPY YNGGLT: PSQHPS  
CFPN RTM CLGWQN GDRYYLDG  
RYFVN GRB KSNFH JHRBNHG  
DSNT SQTUHB PRKG SQT.

### 22 Wha'dja Say?

PDGGRTKNPDDW YUK  
KDHGRTFVTYW VBDRCMTRYLT CU  
GHBTYHXBYLCX VBDUDHXTJTULF  
XDUMDHUKCUP YUK XDUMHFCUP  
HUQYBN BTYKTBF.

# 23 Acrostic Puzzle

LAURA J. BOBROW



Answer the clues for words to be entered on the numbered dashes. Then transfer the letters on the dashes to the correspondingly numbered squares in the puzzle grid to spell a quotation reading left to right. Black squares separate words in the quotation. Work back and forth between grid and word list to complete the puzzle. When you are done, the initial letters of the words in the word list will spell the name of the author and the source of the quotation.

## Clues

## Word List

- A. Tidal wave  
78 113 67 128 41 177 64
- B. Leader of a certain pack (2 wds.)  
110 47 32 164 127 90 140 67 181
- C. Gentlemanly burglar created by E. W. Hornung (*The Amateur Cracksmen*, 1899)  
109 33 159 147 59 79 176
- D. Toreador introduced in Act II of *Carmen*  
51 10 65 100 88 133 148 30 158
- E. Quarantine  
18 45 180 55 163 105 84 146 124
- F. Small, brown and white bird with a rasping call (2 wds., 1 hyph.)  
53 156 14 22 171 143 114 81 98 130
- G. Atomic bomb test site, 11/1/52  
103 98 123 17 5 42 77 61
- H. Tatterdemalion  
104 8 125 116 52 35 82 160 20 135
- I. Musical composition in free fantasia style  
34 134 161 93 154 72 172
- J. Seek executives for a business  
73 57 136 97 25 3 173 46

- K. Ruler of a province  
31 49 102 68 95 157 126 15
- L. Flogs soundly  
137 183 6 85 168 29 58
- M. American marsupial  
115 4 16 69 80 131 28
- N. Overly sweet  
38 81 117 129 7 178 166 152 78 141
- O. Bright plaid woven fabric  
24 111 101 139 151 36 75 175 122 63
- P. Small, green swimmer of the Atlantic coast  
170 27 48 150 80 89 106
- Q. Tentative ground for action  
50 112 9 165 145 66 37 21 182 132
- R. Infinitely aware  
167 120 12 149 26 86 108 54 71 39
- S. Insolence, flagrant boldness  
107 155 43 142 13 92 174 74 118 1
- T. Lenin's radical majority group  
121 70 138 153 40 94 56 23 11 189
- U. One who has earned 21 merit badges (2 wds.)  
98 44 179 162 62 144 83 2 119 19

## 24 Quick Quote

STEPHANIE SPADACCINI

This quotation has been divided into groups of three letters, and these groups placed below in alphabetical order. Rearrange the groups to reconstruct the quote. The author's name will follow the quote. Numbers in parentheses indicate word lengths.

Answer, Page 10

Red Tape (11 2 1 5 9 8 2 7.—6)

BAL BUR BYP CHA CRA CYI EAU ERA  
IAN IES MOP NIS SAG TED TME YGM  
ZAC





# The Sphinx Page



The puzzles on this page are like those written years ago, before crosswords became popular, when the Sphinx was called "The Patron Saint of Puzzledom."

Each puzzle in verse contains two or more missing words to be guessed, in such forms as transposals (e.g., DECIMAL/MEDICAL/CLAIMED), charades (WOO + DEN = WOODEN), deletions (MARSH, MASH), and beheadments (CHEAT, HEAT, EAT). These keywords are represented by w's, x's, y's, and z's—one for each letter in an omitted word. When the keywords have been correctly guessed, each verse will read with proper rhyme and meter, and will express an interesting thought, situation, or story.

An anagram is an apposite rearrangement of the letters in a word, name, or familiar phrase. For example, LO, A RENT ATTEMPT is an anagram of APARTMENT TO LET.

Numbers in parentheses indicate lengths of answers. In anagrams, asterisks indicate capitalized words.

## 25 Transposal (8)

Whenever *Four-Star Puzzler* comes,  
I work the cryptarithmic sums,  
Then in imagination I'm  
Inspector Xxxxxxxx fighting crime.  
But for the last I save the best—  
xxxxxxx, beheadments, and the rest.

Philip Cohen, Aliquippa, PA

## 26 Charade (9)

Swirling, psychedelic lighting  
Doesn't thrill me yyyy much.  
I don't xxxxx like Travolta.  
Some would say I'm out of touch.  
If I were to try, however,  
Dancing to "C'est Chic"—who  
knows?—

I might make a grand xxxxyyyy:  
Marge, you're quite a Twinkletoes!

Marge Deibel, Mt. Pleasant, MI

## 27 Deletion (8, 7)

The race is xxxxyxxx in a minute.  
A thousand runners—what a sight!  
But everybody's xxxxxxxx at me—  
Are my jogging shorts too tight?

Miriam Raphael, Port Chester, NY

## 28 Transposal (6)

While walking through the xxxxxx,  
I chanced upon a glade.

The birds were sweetly singing,  
And trees provided shade.  
The green and mossy carpet  
Was xxxxxx far than lace.  
No ugly city landscape  
Could xxxxxx such a place.

Beth Howard, Hamilton, Ontario

## 29 Beheadments (6, 5, 4, 3)

The zywxxy ship sailed into shore.  
Its ywxxx crew yelled, "Nevermore!  
Such food as this would wxxx a war—  
The mess we xxx would kill a boar!"

Maureen Kennerk, Hicksville, OH

## 30 Homophone (6 5, 9)

xxxxxx Xxxxx, "The best laid schemes of  
mice and men gang aft agley."  
I know—I wrecked my xxxxxxxx when  
I shaved too high today.

J. Grossman, Boulder, CO

## 31 Letter Change (6)

xxxxxx a crocus, I shout "xyxxxx is  
here!"  
(Next day: A blizzard, the worst of the  
year!"

Mary J. Hazard, Rochester, NY

## 32 Transposal (5)

The poor old man felt xxxxx when he  
found, among the trash,  
A fancy xxxxx that held one hundred  
fifty dollars cash.

Bill Webster, Indianapolis, IN

## 33 Charade (7)

The prairies are lonely as briar-choked  
graves,  
And seldom may prairie-folk meet;  
But the grass is astir and the meadow-  
brook laves  
The fisher-boy's tan-covered feet;  
And over the hilltops roll billowy waves  
Of barley and ripening wheat.

No spot can be dreary to him who can  
see

A soul in the wind and the sod;  
No task can be xxxyyy to him who is  
free

To wander where Summer has trod;  
The yyyy of the partridge, the xxx of the  
bee,

Are full of the meaning of God.

Molemi, *The Enigma*, July, 1923

## 34 Transposal (6)

A xxxxxx he-man type was he,  
Who tried to woo a lass.  
She thwarted him at every turn  
And fended off each pass.  
Cried he, "Why do you treat me so?"  
She answered with a smile,  
"I like a gentler sort, and hold  
A xxxxxx against your style."

Beth Howard, Hamilton, Ontario

## Anagrams

### 35 A MORTAL FLEES WAR (\*1 \*8 2 \*4)

### 36 LAND LOVES KIN OF T.R., ELEANOR (\*8 \*6 \*9)

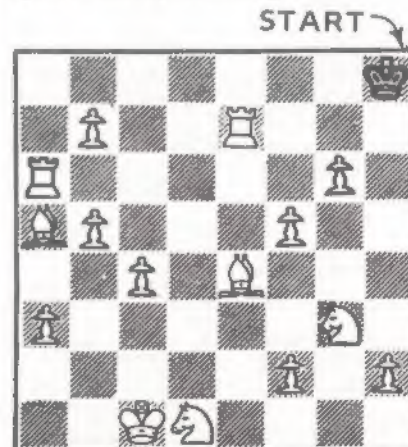
Janet S. Cohen, Kew Gardens, NY

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## 37 Chess Maze

KENNETH FEUCHT

Can you negotiate the black King from the upper right to lower left corner of this chessboard maze? Move the King one square at a time in any direction, as in chess. You may never move the King into check, of course, but you may capture white pieces (which remain stationary) to clear the King's path. Are you equal to the royal challenge?



↑ FINISH



# 38 Headliners

JACK LUZZATTO

## ACROSS

- 1 Goodman's stompin' ground  
6 Separates the wheat from the chaff  
11 Take on the sly  
17 Envision graphically  
18 All for naught  
19 Melodious call for attention  
20 Headline of October, 1929  
23 Lanchester, the bride of Frankenstein  
24 Shattering volume  
25 Plight of honor  
26 Yesterday's soldier  
27 Twaddle  
28 Swimming pools  
29 An idol in the flesh  
30 First of Caesar's quotable words  
31 Derision expressed  
33 "Gotta \_\_\_\_ man about a dog"

- 35 California county bordering Oregon  
37 Sea east of the Caspian  
39 Run swiftly  
41 Chow  
42 Political extremist  
45 Little one  
48 Lines of joining  
51 Pizzazz  
52 Place willingly entered, gladly left  
55 1925 ordeal for teacher Scopes  
56 Fundamental principles  
57 Possible 1863 headline: "Lincoln \_\_\_\_"  
59 Strong alkali for soap  
60 Jordan city, "half as old as time"

- 62 Drinking age legislation, e.g.  
63 Healthy radiance  
64 Feature of glacial mountains  
65 Word form for salt  
66 Some fur hunters  
68 Examined  
70 Dealer: Abbr.  
73 Bread and drink  
74 Powerless  
78 Noted gunslinger  
80 \_\_\_\_ nous  
83 Headlined town, 1944 invasion  
84 Headlined walkway of 1969  
86 Airplane maneuvers  
88 Race the motor  
89 Age of distinction  
90 Divided land  
91 Kinds

- 92 High-speed electron particle  
93 1866 headline that elated Peter Cooper  
97 Racehorse  
98 Disputatious person  
99 Offbeat  
100 Acts as benefactor  
101 Neither noble nor generous  
102 Laundry device

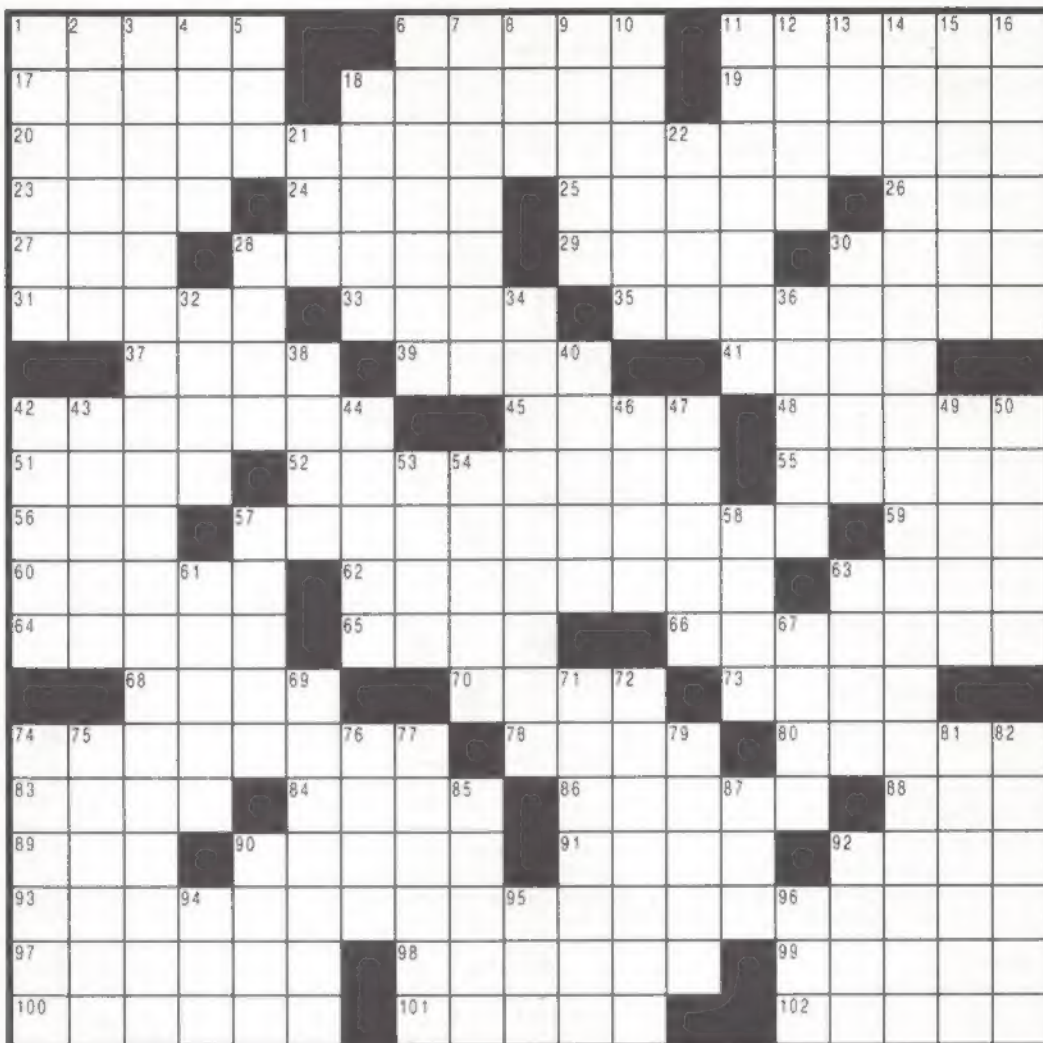
## DOWN

- 1 Needle workers  
2 Catalina resort city  
3 1933 headline ending a dry spell  
4 Oil state: Abbr.  
5 Word of consent  
6 Pussyfooted  
7 Across the ocean

- 8 Treacherous creature  
9 Cultivation by farming  
10 Escapeless  
11 Heart contraction  
12 An old sailor  
13 Euripides drama  
14 Headlined document of 1919  
15 Compelling belief  
16 Truss up, hand and foot  
18 Golf clubs  
21 Musical syllable  
22 The good old days  
28 Treaded vehicle, for short  
30 Politician's target  
32 Green island country  
34 Joyful one-word

- headline of 1918  
36 Cartoonist Thomas and kin  
38 Most notably, a friendly lion  
40 What the Duke of Windsor relinquished  
42 Takes the harvest  
43 "Virginia Woolf" playwright  
44 River valley clay or silt  
46 Afrikaans, the language  
47 Fortified Portuguese city bordering Spain  
49 Municipal *numero uno*  
50 Slathers  
53 Bristle  
54 Biblical poem  
57 Gem surface  
58 Easy-pouring jug  
61 Manmade fiber

- 63 Little sheltered valley  
67 Affirmatives  
69 Downgrades  
71 Large flatfish  
72 Forerunner of a bus  
74 Cold spell?  
75 Weaselike animal  
76 "Neither you \_\_\_\_"  
77 Top front cover of shoe leather  
79 Game played by the fireplace?  
81 Leave the scene  
82 Dodger  
85 Mother-of-pearl  
87 ESP and other psychic phenomena  
90 Wotted of  
91 Unclear photo  
94 In time past  
95 Insurance rep.  
96 Grass-grown area





# ANSWERS

## This Issue

① Sirs: If you Want Your pRoofREAD-er back, bring 5 doLLars IN qUARTers TO FunLand Pinball ARCADE.

② Gene Andrews, chain saw, \$12.50, Xylus, Longview Court, Cape Cod, convertible; Jenny Brewer, TV, \$7.50, Zenor, Watermelon Way, Spanish, sports car; Lillian Carlson, coat, \$2, Vick, Pinchpenny Lane, ranch, van; Henry Davis, stereo, \$15, Usher, Hangover Grove, house of seven gables, sedan; Kevin Early, baby buggy, \$4, Yung, Victorian Manor, Federal, compact car; Ivan Freeman, bicycle, \$25, Walbanger, Persian Mews, Colonial, pickup.

A full explanation is available upon request. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to "Garage Sale Fever," *The Four-Star Puzzler*, 515 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10022.

③ The 13 should be placed in the lower row. Numbers in the top row, when inverted, can still be read as numbers, while those in the bottom row cannot be.

④ Bureaucracy is a giant mechanism operated by pygmies. Balzac.

⑤ Homer's description of the cases' packing was correct if the rods were stacked vertically, each rod directly on top of the one below it. However, if the cases were packed in alternating rows of ten and nine rods, each rod resting between the rods of the layer below (or, in some instances, between the edge of the case and a rod of the layer below), the same number of rods could be stacked in 21 full rows with a saving of slightly more than three inches in vertical rise. Which method of packing was used could be discovered by noting whether the rods in the second layer were directly beneath the rods in the top layer or were instead staggered.

⑥ 1. Chicago. It was the infamous fire of 1871. 2. "Give me liberty or give me death" (Patrick Henry). 3. *Futility* was written in 1898; the *Titanic* sank in 1912. 4. Robert Todd Lincoln... son of the President who was assassinated by Booth's brother. 5. The money, \$105, came from Sanders' first Social Security check, when he was 65. 6. Rin Tin Tin. 7. John Quincy Adams was elected President by the House of Representatives. 8. *American Gothic* by Grant Wood. 9. None. She never married, either. 10. "Little Orphan Annie." 11. Dr. Kane was his own patient! 12. (C) is false. Darrow went to law school... but dropped out after one year.

⑦ The word is DICTIONARY.

⑧ He ends up poorer. Each win multiplies his total by 1.5, while every loss multiplies the total by 0.5. So each win-loss pair (whether consecutive or not) multiplies his total by  $1.5 \times 0.5 = 0.75$ , for a loss.

⑨ None. It's impossible, even for Wilbur, to correctly wire nine of the buttons and find a wrong connection for the tenth button.

⑩ The passenger train travels three times as fast as the freight train.

⑪ Seven, as shown:



## Last Issue

① CLOCKWISE: 1. Jeune 2. Aiming 3. Helena 4. Deride 5. Felony 6. Sugary 7. Rat-ted 8. Pulled 9. Barrel 10. Parker 11. Banner 12. Warden 13. Bengal 14. Kodiak 15. Police 16. Curare

COUNTERCLOCKWISE: 1. Julian 2. Aerial 3. Hijack 4. Demure 5. Feline 6. Serene 7. Ruling 8. Pagoda 9. Butane 10. Paltry 11. Barley 12. Warred 13. Banked 14. Kernel 15. Ponder 16. Codger

②



③ ACROSS: 1. BAT MASTER'S-ON 9. LAMBASTES (anag.) 10. FLAME (hidden) 11. RE-SERVE (Seaver anag. minus a) 12. E-V-A-DERS (Reds anag.) 13. C-ATA-MOUNT (man out at anag.) 16. D-WELL 17. TU(T)OR (roul anag.) 19. MODER-ATES (anag.) 22. MANAGER (anag.) 23. REV-ERIE 25. E(A'S)EL 26. I(M)MOVABLE (a vile mob anag.) 27. CARDINALS-IN-S

DOWN: 1. BALDRI-C (lad RBI anag.) 2. TIMES (anag.) 3. AN-A-G-RAM 4. TI(ght bat)TLE 5. RES(P-E-C)TED 6. OFF-H-AND 7. BASEMEN-T 8. WEASEL (anag.) 14. TITANESS (anag.) 15. UN-MARR(I)ED 17. TAM(P)ER 18. REGAL-IA (rev.) 20. RE(VI-V)AL 21. STEREO-S (anag.) 23. ROMAN (anag.) 24. R(AB)BI (AB = able-bodied seaman)



④ When asked how to retain stiff upper lip in battle, flip colonel suggests extra dab of moustache wax.

⑤ Lamb shish kebabs, fixed on fancy skewers, blend with mushroom, onion, tomato chunks, for gastronomic orgy.

⑥ Peerless football rookie bobbles handoff but fools defense, struggles for fifty-yard pickup.

⑦ Mellifluous alto sax makes frenzied devotees go ape, tear up jazz concert hall with gusto.

⑧ Imperfect Paris prefect of police perverts penal system, prosecutes poor people, pardons prosperous ones.

⑨ Word List: A. Enchiridion B. Naras C. Education D. Waist E. Majority F. Abbreviated G. Niobe H. Swiss watch I. Tongue twister J. Reave K. Injustice L. Crowd grass M. Trajan N. "Lulu's Back in Town" O. Yatter P. Sultan of Swat Q. Passed away R. Eats S. Applesauce T. Katydid U. Ideated V. Northwest W. Goodness

Quotation: In Watergate, nobody ever discussed a subject. It was always subject matter. The discussion never took place before a particular date. It was always prior to. Nor was anything said, it was indicated; just as nothing was done, it was undertaken.—E(dwin) Newman, *Strictly Speaking*

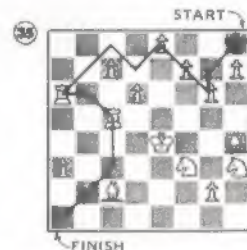
⑩ Tab-let ⑪ Dais(i)es ⑫ As(h)tray

⑬ Bestride ⑭ Con-vale-scent ⑮ Bran(d)

⑯ Please/asleep/elapse ⑰ Slumber/plumber

⑱ Cantankerous/can't anchor us

⑲ The insane asylum ⑳ An Israeli settlement



⑳ ACROSS: 1. VESTIGE (hidden) 2. DOW-N.Y. 3. (s)OFTENER 4. ASSES-S 5. SAUNAS (anag.) 6. ASCEND (anag.) 7. CEREAL (homophone) 8. KNI(G)HT (think rev.) 9. BOXER (2 mngs.) 10. HARKS (anag.) 11. ST.-OR-MS. 12. LIM-EST (anag.) 13. H(A-N.G.)ER 14. RE(WAR)D 15. A-BASH

DOWN: 1. PUT-TIES 2. ITC(H)Y (city anag.) 3. ELEGIST (anag.) 4. MISTERS (2 mngs.) 5. RAVE-N,S 6. P(L)OP 7. HURO-N (hour anag.) 8. AN-G(O)RA (rag anag.) 9. MI-XING (I'm anag.) 10. WHINED (homophone) 11. HANK-E-R 12. GRIPS (anag.) 13. BATHER (anag.) 14. WE-EVIL (live rev.) 15. REV-ILE (lie anag.)



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—M.S.

**39 Cryptocryptic**

HENRY HOOK

Enter the answers to the Across clues into Diagram 1 and the answers to the Down clues into Diagram 2. No words will be formed reading down in Diagram 1 or across in Diagram 2, but the two diagrams will form a simple substitution cipher of one another. For example, suppose 1-Across begins with A, and 1-Down with B. Then, wherever the letter A appears in Diagram 1, the corresponding square in Diagram 2 will have a B, and wherever a B appears in Diagram 2, that square in Diagram 1 will have an A. Answers include two proper names and one variant word.

**ACROSS**

- 1 The code is something meaningless (6)
- 7 Backward boy gets one in the face (4)
- 11 You and I, may I add, will return by jet (4)
- 12 Laugh two times in a row (6)
- 13 Garson in *Bedlam of the Apes* (6)
- 14 Typesetter is last to fall in love (4)
- 15 Eggs with pepper and salt—how careless of me! (4)
- 16 Meter maids have told you how roadsters' tops are to be put back (6)
- 17 Everybody's in drag in *Grease*? (6)
- 21 Let out some pants and one type of sleeve (4)
- 24 Ear growth or foot growth (4)
- 25 What Robin Hood uses tapers off at the front (6)
- 26 American fuel redistribution can be beneficial (6)
- 29 Make an engraving of *The Reformation*—about \$100 (4)
- 31 Little sister's about right for the guys (4)
- 32 A bunch of suckers getting naked in the streets (6)
- 33 It's due to arrive shortly before the audition (6)
- 34 Don't start—stop and relax (4)
- 35 Imitation rabbit fur (4)
- 36 Left as a prisoner of war, my friend behaves this way (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 It's said to weep, and is going to cry in pain (6)
- 2 Expected half a hundred in battle (4)
- 3 School nurse having a breakdown? That's questionable (6)
- 4 Siamese cat hair is full of it (4)
- 5 Coward's written about five books (6)
- 6 *Turning the Tide* is cut for television (4)
- 7 Opening of "Moulin Rouge"—terribly macabre place (6)
- 8 Fool has a couple of C-notes (4)
- 9 Kidnap son, of course (6)
- 10 Since this is in all candor, have faith (4)
- 18 Some pictures of playground equipment (6)
- 19 Run all around in a city in Wisconsin (6)
- 20 Leading characters in *Love in Sheer Lunacy* (6)
- 22 We're told Florence is soft (6)
- 23 Mentioning a reported UFO observation (6)
- 26 Duke has shivering fits (4)
- 27 Born and died, of necessity (4)
- 28 E.g., skate in from the end (4)
- 29 Hawaiian birds caught in fine net... (4)
- 30 ...were heard to buzz (4)

Diagram 1

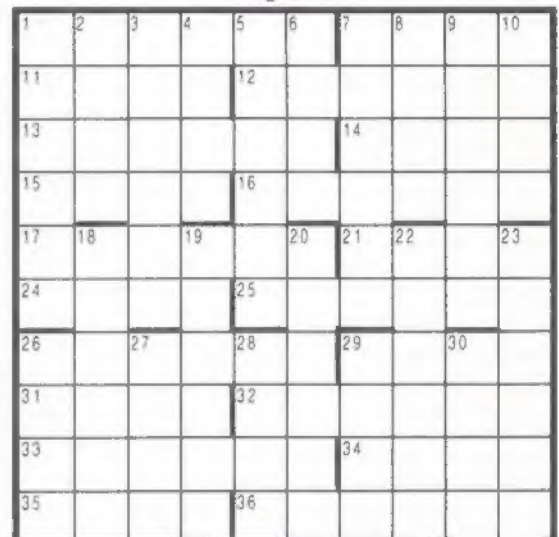
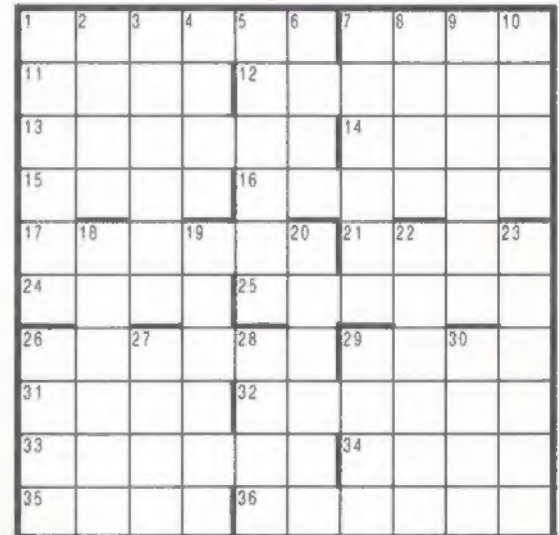


Diagram 2







## 40 Stacked Against You, Hardcase?

### Three-Minute Detective

ROBERT L. LIDDIL

When Inspector Hardcase got a call from the Harbor Patrol to go to Pier Six and take custody of a smuggler, he thought it a routine matter. When he arrived, he discovered how wrong he was.

The pier was crowded with large, wooden cases marked "Ship to Acme Metal Works," their lids thrown in a heap nearby. Several disgusted-looking officers stood among the crates, crowbars in their hands. Off to one side stood Captain Nelson and a man in dark coveralls. "Here's your man, Hardcase. He was implicated by our informant in Bombay in this smuggling scheme, but he won't cooperate and tell us which cases have the stuff in the bottom. It looks like we'll have to unload them all to find out." The

smuggler just smirked.

"What's the contraband?" Hardcase asked.

"Hashish from Southeast Asia."

Hardcase frowned thoughtfully. "Light and compact," he mused. "Weight differences would be negligible." He looked into a case with its top removed—ten cylindrical metal rods, two inches in diameter and twenty inches long, lying side by side to form the top layer. "Are they solid?" he questioned.

"We've looked at just a few, but they seem to be," Nelson answered. The smuggler continued to smirk.

"Are all the cases identical?"

"Twenty-and-a-quarter inches square inside and about forty inches tall, accounting for the wood of the bottom."

"So they'd hold 20 layers of ten rods each—or 200 rods," Jephro Homer volunteered.

"Have your men remove one rod from the top layer of each case," Hardcase instructed, "and we'll soon know which ones have the false bottoms." The smuggler stopped smirking.

How did Hardcase expect to determine this by having just one rod removed from each case?

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## 41 Can You Answer This?

1. Late in the 19th century, a tragic fire occurred in Peshtigo, Wisconsin, in which over 1,500 lives were lost. Yet this event was journalistically overshadowed by a simultaneous tragedy in which only 300 lives were lost. Where did this latter tragedy occur?

2. "Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?" The speaker of these words answered his own question in the same speech, by making what famous seven-word statement?

3. Morgan Robertson's novel *Futility* described the maiden voyage of an allegedly "unsinkable" ocean liner named the *Titan* which, en route from Southampton to New York, struck an iceberg and sank. So what?

4. One evening early in the 1870s, legendary actor Edwin Booth saved the life of a young man who had fallen from a railroad platform. Who was that young man?

5. Everybody knows of Colonel Sanders and his Kentucky Fried Chicken business. Where did Sanders get the money to start his multi-million-dollar enterprise?

6. In 1926, Charlie Chaplin, Rudolph Valentino, and Douglas Fairbanks, Sr.,

were all defeated in Warner Bros.' popularity polls. By what then superstar?

7. In 1824, New York Congressman Stephen Van Rensselaer cast the deciding vote, whereby . . . what happened?

8. The models of this famous painting were the artist's sister and dentist. Name the painting.

9. Due to the efforts of Anna May Jarvis, Mother's Day became a national observance in 1914. Within three, how many children did Anna May have?

10. Harold Gray originally named his cartoon character Otto. But somehow Otto didn't quite look right. So Gray took up his pen again, and Otto's appearance was adjusted. By what name do we know Otto today?

11. On February 15, 1921, Dr. Evan O'Neill Kane became the first surgeon to use a local anesthetic during an appendectomy. Who thus became the first patient to remain awake during this delicate operation?

12. Which one of the following four statements is false? A) The infamous outlaw known as Black Bart never loaded his gun. B) The battleship *Maine*, the explosion of which triggered our involvement in the Spanish-American War, blew up from the inside. C) Clarence Darrow, whose name has become synonymous with American jurisprudence, never went to law school. D) Rags-to-riches author Horatio Alger died a pauper.

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## At Wit's End

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### 42 Look It Up

What word, found in any dictionary, is an anagram of the word INDICATORY?—Cindy Tario, Road City, IN

### 43 Flipping Out

A gambler bets on the toss of a fair coin, each time betting half of his money. He continues for quite some time, and eventually stops, having won exactly as many times as he lost. Does he end up richer, poorer, or back at his starting amount?—Games & Puzzles, September, 1973

### 44 Button, Button

Wilbur, on his first day in the telephone factory, proved totally inept. His job was connecting the buttons on push-button phones to the appropriate contacts inside—the "1" button to the first contact, the "2" to the second, and so on. If the connections were not all correct, the phone would not work properly. Out of the 20 phones Wilbur wired, only one was fully correct. In fact, Wilbur miswired the "1" button in one phone, the "2" in two phones, and so on, with the "0" button correctly wired in all 20 phones. On how many phones was only one button miswired?—M.S.

### 45 Trains of Thought

The engineer of a passenger train times how long it takes to pass a freight train going in the opposite direction. (That is, he finds the time during which the trains are, at any point, side by side.) On the return trip, he again times the passing, this time with both trains travelling in the same direction, and finds it takes twice as long as the earlier passing. How many times faster than the freight train is the passenger train?—C.R. Wylie, 101 Puzzles in Thought and Logic

### 46 Pipe Dreams

A plumber has a number of straight pipe sections, all of equal length, and a sufficient number of right-angle elbow joints to connect them. What is the smallest odd number of pipe sections he can join to form a closed loop?—Dana Richards, Indianapolis, IN

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